

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/574,950

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/21/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5 and 7-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Strouse on May 20, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1, line 4, "cable T.V." has been changed into --cable TV--.

Claim 1, line 7, "remote service provider" has been changed into --cable service provider--.

Claim 1, last line, after "photographic service", --from said cable TV communication unit via said cable service provider-- has been inserted.

Claim 5, line 2, "remote service provider" has been changed into --cable service provider--.

Claim 5, line 2, "a network image server" has been changed into --a digital storage device for storing digital images and associated information--.

Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claim 7, line 1, "A method according to claim 5" has been changed into --A method according to claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 2, "cable server" has been changed into --cable service provider--.

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Claim 7, lines 3-4, "network image server" has been changed into --service provider--.

Claim 8, line 1, "A method according to claim 5" has been changed into --A method according to claim 7--.

Claim 8, line 2, "network image server" has been changed into --service provider--.

Claim 8, line 2, "said photographic service" has been changed into --a fulfillment--.

Claim 8, lines 3-4, "associated image" has been changed into --at least one image--.

Claim 9, line 2, "selected photographic service" has been changed into --at least one photographic service--.

Claim 10, line 2, "selected photographic service" has been changed into --at least one photographic service--.

Claim 18, last line, after "photographic service", --from said cable TV communication unit-- has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of the record, Fredlund and Manowitz, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the following limitations obvious: "sending said at least one image to a service provider over said broadband communication network for fulfillment of said at least one photographic service from said cable TV communication unit" as recited in claim 18, and "sending said at least one image to a service provider over said broadband communication network for fulfillment of said at least one photographic service from said cable TV communication unit via said cable service provider" as recited in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc K. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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